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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: MIDWAY EFFLUENT: A POTENTIAL ISSUE

1. SEPT. 16 MAINICHI SHIMBUN REPORTED COMNAVFORJAPAN RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUESTIONNAIRE THAT THE CARRIER MIDWAY AND AT LEAST TWO OTHER SHIPS CALLING AT YOKOSUKA DISCHARGE THEIR SEWAGE DIRECTLY INTO YOKOSUKA HARBOR. MAINICHI CLAIMED THAT THIS RAISES POSSIBLE "VIOLATION" OF JAPAN'S SEA POLLUTION PREVENTION LAW. NAVY RESPONSE REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED FURTHER THAT ALL NAVY SHIPS WILL BE REQUIRED BY U.S. LAW TO HAVE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS BY 1981.

2. FONOFF HAS INFORMED US THAT CONCERNED GOJ AGENCIES HAVE BEGUN DISCUSSING PROBLEM, AND THAT IT MAY HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP WITH US THROUGH JOINT COMMITTEE CHANNELS. FOREIGN OFFICE ASSURES US THAT ANY JOINT COMMITTEE DISCUSSION WOULD BE IN SOFA TERMS OF "RESPECT FOR" RATHER THAN "VIOLATION OF" JAPANESE LAW, AND THAT FONOFF WOULD TRY TO GIVE US AS MUCH

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TIME AS POSSIBLE FOR A SOLUTION, E.G., BY REQUESTING NAVY TO

CONSIDER MEANS FOR IMPROVING SITUATION.

3. FOR COMNAVFORJAPAN: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE ABOUT JAPANESE LAW AND PRACTICE WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL AND MSDF SHIPS. FOR SECSTATE: REQUEST ANY INFORMATION ON WHICH TO RESPOND TO FOREIGN OFFICE, E.G., NAVY PRACTICE IN US AND FOREIGN PORTS, PRACTICABILITY OF INTERIM SOLUTIONS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, NAVY TIMETABLE FOR INSTALLING FACILITIES AS REQUIRED BY U.S. LEGISLATION. DECONTROL SEPTEMBER 20, 1977.
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